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Residents evicted from Eagles Landing

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Cannons host charity game for Alivia's Rainbows. See page 41.

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Music on the waterfront



Joseph Bard Special to The Times

The Moonlighters paid tribute to music stars from the 1950s and 60s, including Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and the Beatles, during the kickoff to the Crystal Beach Waterfront Park Concert Series on Sunday at 3875 Terrace Ln. All concerts are free. Guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or a blanket to sit and enjoy upcoming shows. For more information about the concert series visit www.fcob.net.



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Quilts provide comfort to veterans across Canada

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

When Fort Erie's Romeo Daley received a quilt from Quilts of Valour, he "felt a roller coaster of emotions" he couldn't describe.

"All I can say is that I felt honored that it was given to (the quilt)," the Korean War veteran said. "It's nice to be recognized after all of these years."

A tag lovingly stitched on the bottom of Daley's quilt reads "Handmade with love, respect and gratitude for your sacrifice to Canada. May the hugs stitched into this quilt give you comfort, strength and love."

Quilts of Valour is an organization that was created to recognize Canadians

who have served, or are currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, said Gina De Lorenzi, leader of the Niagara Chapter of Quilts of Valour.

The organization was founded in 2006 when three seriously injured soldiers, who were recovering from their injuries they sustained in Afghanistan, received three handmade quilts. The quilts are made by volunteers and distributed to veterans across Canada.

"The quilts provide comfort to veterans and it's one way to honour them for their service to our country," De Lorenzi said.

"Everyone who has signed up to defend our country deserves a quilt," De Lorenzi said. "The problem is

identifying people. Many veterans think there are others out there who are more deserving than them. But, everyone veteran should have one and should be thanked for their service."

Recipients are given a quilt when a loved one or a friend steps forward and submits their name to a Quilts of Valour representative.

"Our goal is to make sure every veteran has one and

it's becoming increasingly important to find them as they are getting older," De Lorenzi said.

When De Lorenzi learned about Daley, she presented him with his quilt last month.

Daley said he would like more people to know about Quilts of Valour so more veterans receive their own quilts.

"It's very touching to me

and to veterans everywhere to know that someone is doing something to help veterans. I'd like to see recognition for the program."

Daley served two tours in 1951 and 1952 with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry during the Korean War.

Decades after Daley served in Korea, he said he still feels the affects of war and the quilt he received

gives him comfort.

"PTSD is one of the worst types of injury you can have because you never know when it's going to affect you. I still have nightmares to this day."

For more information about Quilts of Valour call De Lorenzi at 905-885-0794 or e-mail her at ON.Niagara@quiltsforall.org.

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Eagles Landing residents evicted from their homes

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Residents of Eagles Landing Mobile Park in Stevensville want to keep their community together.

The park's residents at 2233 Eagle St., in Stevensville face eviction in June 2016 because the park's owner, Ann Elliott, wants to remove existing infrastructure and return the land to an agricultural use. Eviction notices were delivered to the 23 homes in the park on June 19.

The news came as a shock to the people who live in the park because it is impossible to move some of the trailers. Some have put additions on over the years, while others are too old to move.

Butch Carson, 75, has lived in his mobile home for five years and he invested \$65,000 into it. He renovated his kitchen, added an addition and was planning on building a new deck and patio but he "had to quit" when he found out he wouldn't be able to stay.

Carson's only option is to try to salvage what he can because his home is bolted into the ground and no longer mobile.

Eagles Landing resident Thea Lockwood said the

people who live in Eagles Landing Mobile Park own their mobile homes, which are "more like miniature houses."

"We have taken pride in them. Many of us have invested in them and made additions over the years."

The property is rented to the residents for \$300 to \$400 a month depending on the size of the mobile home and number of occupants.

"It's very economical and people still have something to call their own," Lockwood said. "Most of the people who live here live on pensions and it's affordable. These are mobile homes but they are not mobile anymore. They have been made into permanent structures."

Lockwood has taken charge and is trying to find out what the options are for herself and her neighbours. She has contacted the Town of Fort Erie, MPP Wayne Gates and legal aid.

"We would all like to stay together if we could. There are a number of questions that need to be answered."

Those questions include whether or not some of the mobile homes can be saved and relocated, and if there is another property in Fort Erie that could be utilized to make another park.

"We'd like to start an association and govern ourselves if we could. We are a community. We all know each other." Lockwood has asked the landlord to work with her to find a solution so residents can stay but she said her attempt to reach an agreement was unsuccessful.

"We are trying to work with her. We are willing to increase rent or to help with the land. We are willing to do what we need to do to keep our homes," Lockwood said.

"Yes, we are victims but we are survivors. We know this (moving) is inevitable so we are taking the next steps for us."

Like other Eagles Landing residents, Lockwood said she never expected she would be evicted from the land she has lived on for years.

According to the Residential Tenancies Act, a landlord can apply to end a tenancy for the site even though the tenant owns a home. A tenancy can be terminated if a landlord intends to do extensive repairs, demolish the park or convert the property to a non-residential use. A landlord is required to give a tenant at least one year's notice of termination and may also have to provide compensation to the tenant.

As per the Residential



Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Residents of Eagles Landing Mobile Park received notice on June 19 that they are being evicted from the land and have until June 2016 to make other arrangements. (Centre) Thea Lockwood said she would like to work with the landlord so residents can keep their homes.

Tenancies Act, the landlord must pay \$3,000, or an amount equal to one year's rent, whichever is less.

For Eagles Landing residents, Lockwood said that amount is not enough to cover the losses they have incurred because they are losing their homes.

Lockwood said she would like to see legislation put in place to protect residents living in mobile parks from losing their homes.

ing their homes.

When contacted Friday, Elliott said she did not want to provide a comment to the media.

MPP Wayne Gates said Lockwood contacted staff at his Fort Erie office a few weeks ago.

"We get a lot of landlord and tenant issues. Some of these people we meet with and try to give them advice about what to do. If it's a legal issue, we advise them to seek legal aid," Gates said.

"The best thing to do, if people have an issue is to come to our office."

Town Kuchyt, the Town's chief administrative officer, said he received a complaint last week from an Eagles Landing resident who received an eviction notice.

"There's nothing we can do, which is unfortunate," Kuchyt said.

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Justin Preston

'Everyone can make a difference'

Allison Langley
Postmedia Network

Justin Preston was taken aback by the amount of money coming in.

"I'm just one single guy in a tiny community. I thought I was only going to raise \$20 but the numbers kept going up and up," he said.

The 22-year-old Fort Erie man raised more than \$1,100 for the recent Walk So Kids Can Talk 5-km walk in St. Catharines.

"It was really amazing to have the support of the community."

The walk was in support of Kids Help Phone, Canada's only 24-hour counselling and information service for young people.

Preston knows first hand the importance of Kids Help Phone.

The openly gay young man was mercilessly bullied by his peers during his early high school years.

The bullying became so brutal, he contemplated suicide.

He felt he had no one to turn to. But he did. He called Kids Help Phone.

"I was afraid they were going to judge me, as other people had judged me," he recalled.

Instead, he found comfort and solace on the other end of the phone.

"They really helped me. I knew I wasn't alone."

After suffering in silence, he became an advocate against bullying and launched his Rise Against Bullying Campaign via Facebook.

"It was time for me to give back, to pay it forward."

His recent fundraising efforts caught the attention of the Kids Help Phone board of directors, which recently presented him with a plaque in recognition of his participation.

Also this month, Preston received the community involvement award at the Niagara Unity Awards which recognizes individuals and groups that have made an impact for the Lesbian Gay Bisexual

Transgender community in Niagara.

"I think everyone can make a difference," he said. "You will never know you can unless you try."

For the Kids Help Phone walk, Preston walked beside Carol Todd and members of the Amanda Todd Legacy Team.

Todd founded the non-profit organization to raise awareness of the impact of bullying, cyber harassment and mental illness, in memory of her daughter Amanda who took her own life in 2012 after years of suffering mental health-related symptoms as a result of bullying.

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Class photo from 1948 an 'important keepsake'

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

When Paul Kassay looks at his Ridgeway-Crystal Beach School photo from 1948, he can't help but smile.

The back of his original photo is covered with his friends' signatures.

"When we got the photos, it was a signing frenzy that day," Kassay said. "I know most of the people in the photo. Many of them have died but some of them are still here and I am still a friend to them. I see them most days."

"When I look back on it now, (high school) was a fun experience—probably too much fun," he laughed.

It's sad for Kassay to think about his alma mater closing when Fort Erie's new high school, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, opens in September 2017.

Now it's more important than ever to ensure the history of the school is preserved, Kassay said. That's why he wants to share his class photo with anyone who would like a copy.

"It all started when a friend of mine wanted a copy of the photo. I told him it was pretty faded so it might not work."

Kassay took a chance and brought the faded photo to a print shop to see if it could be restored.

"The photo went through a scanning process which didn't take long and in three or four days it was all done and the prints could be made."

The faces of 120 Ridgeway-Crystal Beach students were crisp and clear instead of faded and hard to recognize.

"It's amazing, what technology can do," Kassay said.

If anyone would like a copy of the photo, they can call Kassay at 905-894-0842.

"If children or grandchildren would like a copy, I would make them one at cost," Kassay said. "This photo is an important keepsake. The school is closing and this will be one of the memories."

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Crystal Beach resident Paul Kassay wants to share his Ridgeway-Crystal Beach school photo from 1948 with anyone who would like a copy.

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Point of View

Volunteers make our community a more beautiful place to live

The Town of Fort Erie is competing with other communities in Canada, the U.S., Italy and Ireland for top honours in the International Challenge large category of the 2015 National Edition of Communities in Bloom.

Communities in Bloom judges will be evaluating Fort Erie this week and the Town is reminding residents and business owners to tidy up their properties.

The winners of the competition will be announced in British Columbia during awards ceremonies held from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3.

It doesn't matter if Fort Erie is selected to receive an award because

the town is beautiful thanks to support from volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year to improve the look of our community with flowers and decorations.

Fort Erie is a rich community filled with people who care about where they live and dedicate time to plant gardens, reuse bicycles to create stunning floral displays and clean up litter left behind.

Congratulations to all of the volunteers continue to work hard to make the community more beautiful each year. Without these people, this recognition from the Communities in Bloom contest would not have been possible.

No matter what the judges decide, Fort Erie is a great place to live.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you to Sports Wall of Fame committee

I was fortunate enough to attend the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame induction dinner on June 19 and it was, without a doubt, a tremendous evening.

It was one of the best evenings I have experienced in Fort Erie, meeting past inductees as well as many Fort Erie residents. It was

such a successful night. The volunteer members of the Sports Wall of Fame committee should be commended for their job.

I wish to thank the members of the committee, which include Cathy Denanowher, Larry Graber, Jim Pearce, Wray Dunn, Adrianna Jacob, Dorrie Jones, Moe Sequin, Bill Neal, Phyllis O'Hearn and Ruby Smith.

Gary Sandel
Fort Erie

Cyclists need to remember to follow rules of the road

It's that time of year again. Summer vacation is here for the kids and that mean's they will be out riding their bikes.

There is a problem with some kids riding their bikes. Not every child I see riding a bike follows the rules of the road, nor do

they use hand signals to at least give us a hint where they are planning to go.

I was waiting at the corner of Central Avenue when this kid came flying down the road and turned left onto Wilmot Street. He was going at a high rate of speed and he didn't stop at the corner.

On the same day, I was travelling west on Wilmot Street and two young lads were riding from side to side on the street. Why? Who knows. If they would at

least try to follow the rules of the road and stay on the right side like everyone else, it would help. You never know where they will go.

When I was a kid, you were expected to use hand signals and if you didn't abide by the rules of the road, your parents would take away your bike.

All signals are done using your left hand only. To turn left, you stick your left arm out straight from your body. Turning right, you stick your left arm out and

bend your elbow, pointing up. To stop, you used your left arm and bend your elbow pointing down.

Parents, please remember to teach your children the rules of the road and hand signals. With summer vacation upon us, the kids will be all over the place. We don't want any accidents to happen. Be careful out there and have a safe summer.

Marian Miller
Fort Erie

Do you remember?



Our thanks to one of the Fort Erie Historical Museum's volunteers who wishes to remain anonymous for calling in to identify last week's Do You Remember photo. The girl in the photo was Linda Willick and the photo was taken in 1977. Please call in if you know the name of her partner and why this photo appeared in the paper. This week's photo is stamped May 15, 1974. If you know either the junior or senior officer, we would love to hear from you. Please call the museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

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Erie Beach Dance Hall was 'a great place to visit'

Earl Plato
Special to The Times

Erie Beach Dance Hall - Fort Erie
It was the Roaring Twenties at Erie Beach. The dance hall was a great place to visit in the years before the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Today nothing remains of the big building except rubble. The damaged structure that I grew up with was called, The Old Dance Hall. Labelled as a casino, it was promoted as the best dance hall around. It was a place for music, dancing and of course, gambling. Wealthy Americans were most welcome and they came both rich and poorer. The dance hall became the central meeting place.

To the northwest of the dance hall was the Kiddie Land.

My Plato grandmother, Esther, and her daughters were in charge of tickets and the little rides. They came each day by the local Sandfly Express train from Fort Erie South. There was a picnic grove nearby. I was told by my Aunt Lucille (Plato) Hudd that most picnickers took their lunch baskets for safe keeping at the dance hall. To the west of the three story structure was the giant outdoor swimming area with we are told filled with filtered water.

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Here programs and religious services were held daily. It was a busy place.

Park at the Waverly Beach entrance or the parking lot off Bardol Road. Take a stroll and see the photos of famed Erie Beach, a great slice of Fort Erie's early history.

How did you get to Erie Beach before 1927 and the opening of the Peace Bridge? Before then by ferry boat from Black Rock N.Y. to Fort Erie South, Ont. Go to Erie Beach and see the remains of the stone dock. Large Steamers from down town Buffalo provided for large crowds to reach the popular resort in the 1920s. Of course Canadians could drive there or take the Sandfly Express train. Must have been a colourful time in Fort Erie's history.

Earl Plato is a resident of Fort Erie, local historian and nature lover.



The Erie Beach Dance Hall.

Woman in Gold tells the true story of Holocaust survivor Maria Altmann

The movie playing this evening at the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library is *Woman in Gold*, starring Helen Mirren and Ryan Reynolds.

It tells the true story of Maria Altmann, an elderly Holocaust refugee living in the United States in the 1990's. Altmann is noted for her seven-year legal battle to reclaim from the Government of Austria her family treasures, including paintings of her Aunt Adele by the artist Gustav Klimt, which were stolen by the Nazis during Second World War.

In the film, Altmann is memorably portrayed at different ages by Helen Mirren, Tatiana Maslany and Nellie Schilling. *Woman in Gold* begins at 6:30 p.m.

tonight, and will encore at the Crystal Ridge branch on Tuesday, July 21 at 2 p.m. \$3 admission is charged for movies.

The appropriation of artwork and other treasures by the Nazis has been the subject of much controversy. An account written by Tom Bower is titled *Nazi gold: the full story of the fifty-year Swiss-Nazi conspiracy to steal billions from Europe's Jews and Holocaust survivors*. The theft of precious art and artifacts, not from individuals or families but from communities and churches throughout occupied Europe is the topic of *Monuments Men*, a book by Robert Edsel and a movie starring George Clooney

and Bill Murray. All of these items are part of the library collection.

Children's films playing this week include *Arctic Tale*, *Happy Feet* and *Hoodwinked*. For listings of complete days, times and locations, please check our website www.fepi.ca, or pick up a newsletter at any branch.

This afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch, kids can be instrument makers, with three different projects to complete. *Play On: Art* on Monday at 2:30 at the Centennial branch explores the work of Kandinsky, whose pop art included circles inside squares inside circles. Young people can make their own creations.

The DIY skill for next week will be Bookbinder. Join us for stories and three different projects to earn your Bookbinder badge. DIY sessions are held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at Crystal Ridge, at 3:45 on Wednesdays at the Stevensville branch, and on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch. Maker Camps are offered on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch, and on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at Crystal Ridge and at 3:45 p.m. at the Stevensville branch. There's lots of fun in doing, making and playing at the library all summer long. While you're at the library, you can sign up for the TD Summer Reading program. It's fun and it's free, with

great prizes all season long. Popsicles from Avondale, ice cream from McDonald's, treats from Bella Cakes and more, to encourage young readers along the way. Watch for the I Spy display windows going up at each branch. If you enjoy the I Spy books by Walter Wick and others, you will have fun finding treasures and tricks in the library's version of I Spy.

Tech Help is available for adults on Tuesday, July 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Centennial branch of the library. Bring your device, bring your questions and get the assistance you need.

Arny Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

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From the gardener's journal: Thank you to those who share treats from their gardens

Ruth Vold Markle
Special To The Times

Here's a quote for the season, "In summer the car sings itself" (William Carlos Williams).

This summer the birds are singing a great deal in our rainy weather.

I embrace the sunshine and warmth always but as a grower of green vegetables and plants, this is a perfect summer. Those million dollar rains are keeping the Lake refreshed and the ground moist enough so our own water bills can remain

low. If you love a lush lawn, this is the year for you!

Often you will find me encouraging the growth of ground covers, rather than grass. The reasons for this are varied but the simple explanation is water conservation. Even in this less than drying summer, best to give ground covers some thought. We each have favorites in our group, but the fastest spreading one is ajuga. This satisfying plant has lovely blue flowers in spring, grows in whatever summer climate

and can have a lovely bronze sheen in autumn. Do you have any awkward or stony or very angled spaces to fill? Ajuga can do that in a season. And you will have plants to share the next year.

Easy to share many perennials this year as the rains have made propagation a simple matter. Usually we wait until the season bloom is past before a split of the roots, but this year with the warmth and humidity we can work away at will. Each morning I am

enchanted by the daylilies and their continued blooms. In my compass garden they have reached a great height and are attracting much attention from butterflies and bees. We are trying to take pictures before the next rains appear...some of you are saying, "good luck with that".

If you are harvesting vegetables this summer you will likely have had zucchini and kale and lettuce in abundance. Another gift of the rains and humidity! I'll try and include some

zucchini recipes in a future article. Today is all about thanks!

Thanks to the town workers who tirelessly weed in rains and sunshine...the boulevards are looking great. Thanks to everyone who participated in Communities in Bloom, the judges and participants. Results this week and in my mind, everyone is a winner who gets out there and grows!

Thanks to the Salvation Army and OLV for community gardens that help to feed families. And thanks to everyone

for bringing colour and life into this community with hanging baskets, flowers, shrubs and trees. As I walk and ride I see so many of you working away at your space. Good for you! Our lives are better for your efforts, so thank you!

Hope you can enjoy the sunshine, the liquid sunshine and the lovely lengthy evenings. Stay safe and have fun as you go,

Until next time, keep growing

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Club.



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Health Corner

Don't let the bad bite hurt you

Did you know that up to 90 percent of headaches actually come from how your teeth fit together?

All our adult teeth first come together during our teenage years. Unfortunately, teeth don't always come together properly. For the most part, they fit together enough so that you can chew and eat. However, only 10 percent of the population is lucky enough to have upper and lower teeth that fit well together like a puzzle. Most people are not that lucky and their teeth must go through some type of adaptation in order to chew. If you belong to this group, you may experience the following symptoms:

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2. You may feel like your lower jaw is being pushed back when
3. You may avoid or have difficulty chewing gum, carrots, nuts, bagels, protein bars, or other hard and dry food.
4. You may notice that your teeth are becoming shorter or thinner or worn.
5. You may have more than one bite and need to squeeze to make your teeth fit together.
6. You may clench your teeth in the day time.
7. You have many problems with sleep or wake up with an awareness of your teeth.



Dr. John Inigo
you bite your teeth together.

If you have one or more of the above symptoms, you may have a bite mismatch. If not treated, your symptoms will likely get worse and you can end up with worn and short teeth. Also your fillings, crowns or veneers may not last as long as they should.

Be sure to talk to your dentist about your treatment options so that you don't let the bad bite hurt you later in your life.

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway, Ontario. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry and Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry, 905.871.2903 and 905.894.5555. For further information and discussion, please visit his office at www.inigodentistry.com



Communities-in-Bloom is committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with a focus on enhancing green spaces in communities.



Garden of the Week

Janice S. of Hollywood St, Fort Erie has added charm by using varied elements, creating interest and drawing you in to see more.



Congratulations to both of you!



The sweeping expanse of flower beds as well as the mostly monochromatic colour scheme create an attractive and harmonious garden vista at the home of Evelyn T. of Pettit Rd, Fort Erie.

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Postmedia Network

Simon Lazzari and Aurelie Lapeyrate, from France, are spending the month working on organic farms in Niagara and Beaverton in return for food and board. The couple have spent the last week at Belly Acres farm in Niagara-on-the-Lake helping Andrew Porteus and Louise Walde work their "back acre" of 1,200 fledgling Christmas trees.

Wwoofing it up in Niagara

Alison Langley
Postmedia Network

Simon Lazzari and Aurelie Lapeyrate seized on a novel way to tour Canada on a budget. The French couple is spending the month working on organic farms in Niagara and Beaverton in return for food and board.

The movement is called Wwoofing and it has been in Canada for around 30 years. Through World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF), sustainable farmers and growers are connected with volunteers in an exchange of education, culture and sweat* to help create organic food and other agriculture products.

Lazzari and Lapeyrate spent the last week "Wwoofing" it up at Belly Acres farm in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The duo helped owners Andrew Porteus and Louise Walde work their "back acre" of 1,200 fledgling Christmas trees. The trees were planted last year and "I took us from Friday to Tuesday," Porteus said, so he's appreciative of the extra help this year.

Under Monday's hot summer sun, the young

couple helped weed the land as well as spread hay around the base of the young trees to help with moisture retention.

Lazzari, 23, became interested in Wwoofing after a friend was able to spend time in Australia by volunteering on various farms.

The couple preferred Canada to Oz and, so far, are pleased with their selection.

"The people here are very nice...very kind," said Lapeyrate, 21.

And, that sentiment applies to their hosts. "Very, very nice," Lazzari said. "We've had the best guides."

Porteus, the manager of information resources and connections at the Niagara Falls Public Library, has also played the role of tour guide for his young guests.

This is the first time Porteus and Walde have participated in the Wwoof program.

They became intrigued with the concept after chatting with Wwoofers while staying at a small urban farm and B&B in Florida.

Lazzari and Lapeyrate will head to a farm in Beaverton on Tuesday and hope to fit in quick trips to the United States, Quebec and New

Brunswick before they return to France at the end of the month.

There are Wwoof hosts in countries across the globe. In Canada, there are approximately 1,000 hosts and 4,200 wwoofers.

In most countries, wwoofers work four to six hours a day in exchange for food and accommodation.

Wwoofers help with a variety of tasks like sowing seed, gardening, planting, cutting wood, weeding, harvesting, packing, milking and wine making.

The length of stay is negotiated between the Wwoofer and the host. Most visits are between one and two weeks, though some may be as short as two or three days or as long as six months.

World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF)

Sustainable farmers and growers connect with volunteers to help on farms.

The farmers get an extra pair of hands and the volunteers receive room and board during their stay.

For more information, visit www.wwoofinternational.org/.

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Plaque placed at veteran's grave

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Reuben Green was married to Elizabeth Fortner Green, a father to 14 children and a veteran of the War of 1812.

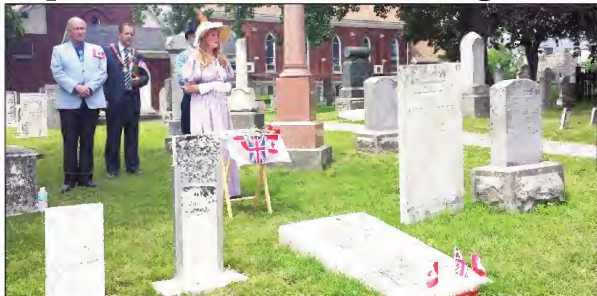
His descendants celebrated the story of his life and his service to his country Sunday during a plaque unveiling at the Drummmond Hill Cemetery in Niagara Falls. About 30 people, which included descendants and members of the of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 Colour Guard, attended the remembrance ceremony and plaque unveiling.

Fort Erie's Cathy Green-Redekop, Reuben Green's great-great-granddaughter, applied to the 1812 Veterans Graveside Project. The program allows descendants of War of 1812 veterans to apply for a plaque to place at the graves of those who served in the war.

Green-Redekop said she didn't know a lot about the Green family so she began researching her family's genealogy. "I found a lot of information on the Internet and it was very interesting," Green-Redekop said.

Reuben Green served in the Second Lincoln Militia Flank Company. He was present at the Battle of Chippewa, the Battle of Beaver Dams, the Battle of Landy's Lane and likely at Queenston Heights.

Green-Redekop said she learned about the Graveside Project through conversations with members of the Bertie Historical Society and



Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Family and friends unveiled a plaque Sunday to honour Reuben Green for his service in the War of 1812.

she felt it was important to honour her great-great-grandfather.

"I would encourage others to research their family history so that other veterans can be recognized," Green-Redekop said.

"It's important to know our veterans, where they came from and be proud of them," Sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca

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"...We talked a lot about key directions the community would like to see."

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Members of the consulting team charged with the task of developing the master plan, The Planning Partnership, were on hand to gather comments and facilitate the discussion.

"The turnout has been

great. We have about 100 people here," said Donna Hinde, a partner with the Planning Partnership.

"(Last Monday) we had a conversation about the Bay Beach property and some of the issues and concerns. We talked a lot about key directions the

community would like to see."

After the first day of the workshop Hinde said the consultant team took time to put participants' ideas down on paper. Participants were given an opportunity to discuss those ideas last Tuesday night.

From the discussion, Hinde said the consulting firm determined residents are concerned about recreating a community focus for the property, enhancing public access to the beach, enhancing the beach experience, preserving the natural environment, improving

parking, enhancing tourism and development on the north side of Erie Road.

Hinde said the information gathered at the workshop would be included in a report, which will be presented at a council meeting in the fall.

Residents who were

unable to attend the meeting but would like to arrange an opportunity to provide their comments about their vision for Bay Beach can call 905-871-1600 ext. 2506 or e-mail shansen@town.farferie.on.ca.

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New bike racks commemorate Ridgeway's history

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Downtown Ridgeway is now home to five new, creative bicycle racks thanks to the hard work from Ridgeway-Crystal Beach School and Fort Erie Secondary School students.

Ridgeway-Crystal Beach students Abbey Salter, Danielle Peattie-Carrier, Elyse Fuirchill, Finn Salter, Laura Outley, Marsh Minor, Natasha Pasnicky and Sharaya McColum Brown were charged with the task of designing five custom single post bike racks that compliment Ridgeway's history. The bike racks give a nod to the 1866 Fenian Raid, early rail commerce and the agricultural roots that have all combined to give the village its present charm.

Fort Erie Secondary School's Adam Hackett, Adam Spear, Bailey Marx, Curtis Perlikowski-Miller, Jalen Czuba, Liam Jewell, Tyler Garvin and Mathew Plato took the designs and constructed the using metal.

"I feel a sense of pride," Finn Salter said about seeing



the bicycle racks completed and installed in Ridgeway.

Salter said she and her classmates began designing the bicycle racks in February. The designs include the silhouettes of soldiers, a horse and the year 1866.

"We finished the designs in May and it took a while to get the steel part done," Salter said.

"We looked a lot at pictures of the Battle of Ridgeway and once we came up with the idea to make silhouettes, it all came together."

Members of the Town of Fort Erie's Active Transportation

Advisory Committee "pushed to engage the schools to provide some creative input and gain some valuable skilled trade experience," said Chris Millar, the Town's neighborhood planner.

Millar said the design of the bicycle racks was "handed largely out of Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School and the construction, the metal work and computer program for cutting the patterns, was taken care of by Fort Erie Secondary School students."

Millar said the new bicycle racks were made possible



Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

The Town of Fort Erie's Active Transportation Committee, the Ridgeway Business Improvement Association and local youth recently unveiled new bicycle racks in downtown Ridgeway.

thanks to support from the Ridgeway Business Improvement Association.

"This has been a good experience for everyone involved," Millar said.

"We've been talking about this for a couple of years. The

racks are nice because they are not all the same."

Millar said Town staff would like to see custom-made bicycle racks installed in other areas of Greater Fort Erie.

"This is just a great example of cooperation between

the high schools and the community," Millar said.

"If we have students are willing and the support from the community, we would love to do this again."

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Flower Power



Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Eileen Taylor, a member of the Fort Erie Opti-Mrs., invites families to attend the first annual Flower Power on July 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 at the Optimist Hall, at 1555 Gilmore Rd. Taylor said the goal of the event is to celebrate the end of winter and the beginning of summer. Children are encouraged to come dressed in costumes made from any kind of paper and prizes will be awarded to the children with the most unique costumes. The hall will be decorated in paper flowers and the event will feature family games, arts and crafts, face painting, refreshments, a bake sale and a penny sale.

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Julian Fauth

Juno award-winning blues artist to perform at Sessions on the River

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Juno award-winning pianist, singer and blues man Julian Fauth "became a musician by accident."

"I didn't intend to do it for a living," Fauth said.

"Early on, when I was about six, my dad brought home used vinyl records. He used to work at a radio station where they would play vinyl records and when they would wear them out, the employees of the station could take them home."

Fauth's dad brought home a record that ignited his son's passion for blues.

"My dad brought home a record called the Golden Blues Hour. He didn't really listen to blues, so he gave it to me. Later on, my dad found a piano."

Fauth began listening to "a lot of music" and "playing as much music as [he] could." "There was a blues man from Mississippi named Mel Brown. He was a brilliant guitar player and a keyboard player," Fauth said.

Brown played with musicians like BB King, Bobby Bland and "just about everybody you could think of." "(Brown) settled in Kitchener and started doing weekly jam sessions. I used to go see him play every day and every now and then I would sit in a play. He was a big influence on me."

Fauth's style is based on the tradition of pre-war barrelhouse blues and boogie woogie with infusions of jazz and gospel. He regularly plays in Toronto

and has performed across Canada, the U.S., Europe, Russia and Cuba.

He's set to perform with the Junction City All-Stars at Sessions On the River, at 133 Niagara Blvd., on Saturday, July 18 at 8 p.m. in Fort Erie.

Tickets are \$15 each and they can be purchased at the door or in advance at Lakeside Arts and Books, 341 Ridge Rd. North, in Ridgeway. Limited seating is available.

"A lot of the music I play is based on the 20s and 30s but it's not just that," Fauth said. "If people will come, they will hear a variety of sounds and rhythms."

Proceeds from the show will support the Fenian Raids History Conference, which will be held next June in Fort Erie.

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Mark Larocque, Karen Larocque and Lori Leaney will bring the Ultimate Air Dogs Canada show to Ridgeway on Aug. 8 and 9.

Ridgeway to host inaugural Pet Expo

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Mark your calendars for the Inaugural Niagara Pet Expo that will take place in downtown Ridgeway this summer.

The Niagara Pet Expo will be held Aug. 8 and 9 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 in Ridgeway.

The event will feature a variety of vendors offering

everything from food, arts and crafts, pet treats, toys, to beds and more, said Jesse Boles, event coordinator for the Ridgeway Business Improvement Association.

The main attraction of the expo will be a presentation from Ultimate Air Dogs Canada, the country's only canine dock jumping organization.

"No where in Niagara is there a full on pet expo," Boles said. "Plenty of groups

and organizations do small adopt-a-thons and dog related events but there is nothing that is all inclusive of the whole animal-loving community."

Boles said he expects about 5,000 people to visit over the course of the two-day expo, which will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 8 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 9.

Boles encourages families to attend the pet expo and

bring their leashed pets with them to enjoy a fun and inexpensive afternoon out.

"With a portion of our admission going to the Fort Erie SPCA, it gives us the opportunity to bring the whole family, including the family pet to this event," Boles said.

"There will be the dog show, interactive reptile displays, a Fort Erie SPCA adoption centre, licensed events the adults, Pony

Paradise Pony Rides, Ruff Justice Security Services K-9 demonstrations, a Chelsea Crites Benefit Concert (on the Saturday) and lots more events that are still being finalized."

Vendor applications are available online on the Ridgeway Business Improvement Association's web site.

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What: The Inaugural Niagara Pet Expo

When: Saturday, Aug 8 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Bouquet for safe return of a kitten

A bouquet for all those involved in the safe return of the kitten taken from our home. To our good neighbours, without whom we wouldn't know what actually happened to him. To the person who took him to the SPCA, to our friend who posted a message on social media about him missing.

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Three years after the slots were yanked out of the Fort Erie Race Track — along with more than 200 jobs — Woodbine Racetrack is one step away from becoming a full-fledged casino.

While Niagara politicians continue to call for a return of the slots at Fort Erie, Toronto politicians voted to endorse the expansion of gambling at Woodbine. It will include 300 gaming tables and an additional 2,000 slot machines.

Woodbine Entertainment Group CEO Jim Lawson said the vote "means a whole lot" to the horse racing and breeding industry in the GTA and across the province.

But it's got some people in Fort Erie wondering: What about us?

"It provided a flow of revenue to actually support the horse-racing industry," Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop said of the slots-at-racetracks program, which was introduced by Ontario in the 1990s.

"It also provided money to municipalities to improve infrastructure and provided good-paying jobs in the community."

In 2012, in an effort to modernize the gaming industry, the provincial Liberals decided to close the slots in border towns because they weren't making as much money as they used to.

Ontario Lottery and Gaming closed three slots sites, including Fort Erie, and started to look at strategic locations where the gaming market was under-served.

And OLG is not looking back.

"OLG will not be revisiting that (Fort Erie) decision," said OLG

spokesman Rui Brum.

"It is important to note that OLG's old business model was not sustainable over the long term. For example, a decade ago, OLG's border casinos and slot facilities generated an annual profit of \$800 million. Today, that number is less than \$100 million."

At a time when governments across Canada, and globally, are facing deficits, it "makes sense" for OLG to engage the private sector to make capital investments," said Brum.

He said the GTA is an under-served gaming market.

"OLG's mandate is for a province-wide modernization. While there may be impacts to a specific site, OLG's goal is to ensure that all of our sites remain successful."

As for how soon a final proposal could be back in front of Toronto

council, Lawson said the OLG has to go through its request for proposals during the next few months.

Jim Thibert, CEO of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium, said there needs to be a more comprehensive assessment of what gaming should be about in Ontario.

"Slots are a way for us to reach our own self-sustainability on site, just like any other track," he said.

Niagara Falls MPP Wayne Gates said the track continues to see an increase in attendance, as well as on and off-track betting, while food-and-beverage sales are going up.

He said returning the slots would protect the track's 1,000 direct and indirect jobs, and bring back the slots lost when the slots were pulled out.

"Three years ago, (Premier Kathleen) Wynne promised to integrate horse racing and gaming with the OLG, which would bring the slots back," said Gates.

"But we've seen no action. This government continues to gallop right past Fort Erie."

Toronto's decision could also have major ripple effects in

Niagara Falls. The city hosts two casinos that employ 4,500 people.

As the region's No. 1 employer, Niagara Casinos spokesman Greg Medulian has said any significant expansion of gaming in the market will "certainly have a negative impact on our two casinos."

He said more than 50% of Niagara Casinos' eight-million customers per year come from the GTA.

Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati said he understands why Toronto council voted the way they did.

But, he said, it's up to the province to ensure they grow the gaming pie, not "cut it up into smaller pieces."

That's why he said he continues to wait for a request for proposal from OLG for a proposed 7,000-seat entertainment theatre that could attract big-name performers and events.

He said there needs to be a rebranding of Casino Niagara, which opened in 1996 and Fallsview Casino, which opened in 2004.

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MPP says returning the slots would protect Fort Erie track's 1,000 direct and indirect jobs

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"That has not happened," said Diodati. "Meanwhile, the casino in Niagara Falls, N.Y., is investing millions of dollars, they provide free booze to their customers, and are beating us at our own game."

He said 30% of the patrons at Seneca Casino come from Canada, while only 5% of patrons to Niagara Casinos come from the U.S.

Diodati said he has met with the new leadership at OLG and the minister of finance and they "understand the complexities of this."

"We need a proactive strategy to address this trend and I have a lot of confidence in OLG and their new leadership. They know where we're coming from."



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Toronto city council voted last Wednesday, to endorse the expansion of gaming at Woodbine Racetrack, which could have a significant impact on Niagara.

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Niagara man loses job after online remarks

Ray Spiteri
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A St. Catharines man says he was let go from his job at Niagara Region after making anonymous online comments,

which included critical opinions about regional representatives and other politicians. Greg Miller, who had been employed by Niagara Region for the last four years, said he was let go Friday after he was linked to the account NiagaraNext, which has been posting comments on Twitter and in the comment sections of media outlets in Niagara.

The 28-year-old, who was a co-ordinator with Niagara Region Transit, said he created the account before he was hired by the Region and decided to carry on with the account during his employment at the Region.

"I'm sorry that if what I said has offended anyone personally," Miller told The Niagara Falls Review on Saturday. "It was never my intention. My intention was to merely voice my opinion as a citizen living in Niagara."

"I understand the consequences that I have suffered. I care a lot about this community. It's difficult to settle that. This was just an outlet to voice my opinion."

Niagara Region chief administrative officer Harry Schlange said at the request of Niagara Region Chairman Alan Caslin, he launched an investigation Friday into the source of comments made by an anonymous poster.

Schlange would not say how the Region learned of those comments or how they were able to associate them with Miller.

"We refrain from talking about any HR matters. Our internal investigation has concluded and we took the appropriate action to resolve the issue," Schlange said on Saturday, not disclosing what that action was.

"We consider the matter closed. This is not indicative of the values of our corporation and is not representative of our dedicated staff."

Caslin could not be reached for comment last weekend.

Instead, his director of

communications Jason Tamming e-mailed The Review a statement attributable to Caslin.

"I am concerned by the social-media comments targeting regional councillors and the priorities of our council that were brought to my attention by Bullet News," read the statement.

"Regional staff consistently conduct themselves with the highest standards of professionalism and integrity and we will continue to uphold those values."

Caslin's office did not elaborate on what comments or information Bullet News, an online website, provided them with.

In a Bullet News article about the matter, the news outlet acknowledged information was provided by them to the chairman's office linking the personal e-mail account of a regional employee to the name NiagaraNext.

Bullet News Managing Editor John Robbins told The Review the information he provided the chairman's office when he called to seek comment on a story he was working on — an

e-mail address and IP address associated with the NiagaraNext account — was publicly available to anyone who uses the third-party commenting system called Disqus.

"I didn't give (the Region) any information that wasn't publicly available. As a journalist, if you're going to ask for comment, you have to give a certain amount of information to the person for them to give you an intelligent comment," said Robbins, adding the Region never asked him for any information.

Miller said he did tweet and post comments at work, from his work computer, but "only on lunch breaks."

"Never on company time, only on lunch breaks or after hours," he said. "I likely used my work computer during those lunch hours to tweet or post. I never took away from my work."

"I was at work eight hours or more a day, but 90 minutes of that is designated as breaks or personal time. I've never had anyone express an issue with my work and have received praise for my work with local governments and community

groups."

Miller said his intention was to always focus on the actions of politicians and their decisions, not personal attacks.

"I voiced my opinions on regional, municipal, provincial and federal matters," he said. "I never intended to be critical of the politicians themselves, but rather some of their decisions."

"I understand why they (the Region) did what they did, but I would suggest that perhaps more time should have been given to the decision (to let him go)."

Miller said he's a part of the NEXT Niagara panel that engages and advocates for young people in the region; is a board member of the St. Catharines Rotary Club; coaches high-school basketball and has participated in many Niagara fundraisers.

He said he hopes this latest development doesn't impact his roles with those other organizations.

"I want to continue to advocate and to make Niagara a better place," said Miller.

"I will take the next 48 hours to reach out to people, to



Special to The Times

Greg Miller

explain the situation to them. I will talk to my wife."

Miller took to his NiagaraNext Twitter account Friday to announce that he lost his job and apologized if he "ever used anonymity to offend."

He said a lot of people have reached out to him and would like to see him continue sharing his opinions.

"I will continue to have opinions. Will I voice them in the same manner? I'm not sure."

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Cannons host charity game for Alivia's Rainbows

Austin Gooder
Special to the Times

Although they celebrated another victory, last Wednesday's game at Oakes Park wasn't about winning for the Fort Erie Cannons.

Fort Erie's senior men's baseball team hosted its third annual charity game for Alivia's Rainbows, a local charity that helps parents and guardians of children affected by pediatric cancers. The charity's main goal is to help those parents and guardians pay the high costs associated with receiving care at distant hospitals.

The Cannons defeated the Welland Chiefs 8-1 in a quick and tidy hour-and-a-half game and raised \$4,600 for Alivia's Rainbows.

The Cannons partnered with Fort Erie's Craig and Chantal Vanderklei who founded the not-for-profit charity after their young daughter Alivia lost her battle with a form of pediatric cancer known as neuroblastoma. Craig Vanderklei appeared emphatic about the support the community displayed at the game.

"It's great to see a great town like Fort Erie coming together around something like this," Vanderklei said.

"It brings awareness to the charity. There are people in Niagara who need the help."

Vanderklei said it is events like Wednesday's game that crystalize communities.

Alivia's Rainbows coordinated with Clayton and Justin Hall of the Cannons to make the charity game a reality.

Hall, the Cannons' manager, spoke about what the charity game means to the players.

"(It's) a surreal feeling seeing the town come together like this. It definitely gives us an edge on the field."



Photos by Austin Gooder

The Fort Erie Cannons and the Welland Chiefs celebrated their third annual charity game for Alivia's Rainbows at Oakes Park in Fort Erie last Wednesday.

The game was different for both teams because a four-man umpiring team handled officiating duties, where NDBA games would usually only have two. All four umpires donated their time and pay to support Alivia's Rainbows.

Dave Wight and his wife Donna, who are the announcing duo at Welland Stadium, announced the game at Oakes Park.

The evening was supported by several businesses that donated their time to make the night a success.

It was a well-pitched game for the Cannons as Cam Hall and Zac Porter were efficient and sharp in their execution of pitches. They combined to strike out nine Chiefs.

A new star rose to prominence in the game for the Cannons. Josh Bessems homered and doubled and scored a pair of runs to lead the Cannons offensive attack against the young Chiefs starting pitcher.

The Chiefs' starter was unable to get into a groove after the Cannons batted around in a five-run second inning. He would last into the fourth inning before being replaced.

Shortstop Kris Hodges also had a strong offensive showing as he added a pair of hits and runs to the score.



Cannon Josh Bessems rounds the bases after smacking a second inning home run at Oakes Park during NDBA play last Wednesday.

Matt Pine, Gary Moraes, Joe Belner and Josh Connors all added runs.

Significant for the Cannons was their clean defensive play. Their first few games were plagued with defensive inconsistency but they've turned into a slick fielding team of late.

Matt Pine, Chris Patterson and Gary Moraes all made nice plays. Pat Giampaolo showed off some range with a great pick to make a play at first.

The Cannons are now 3-0 in their annual charity games and improved their record 8-7 in the Niagara District Senior Men's Baseball league's regular season.



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Three numbers added to Merrittville Speedway Wall of Fame

Bernad Franke
Postmedia Network

The man who kept auto racing on track in south Niagara has been posthumously inducted into Merrittville Speedway's hall of fame.

The late Pete Cosco's No. 17 was added to the I. St. Amant Enterprises Wall of Fame as was Jim Begolo's No. 16 and Mark Elsie's No. 99.

Commemorative signs highlighting their achievements were mounted on the wall behind the stands in the breeze way following an induction ceremony Saturday night at the start-finish line.

Cosco, who was 60 when he died suddenly of an aneurysm last August, became involved in racing long before he became a car owner at Merrittville and purchased the former Gasport Speedway in 2004 and renaming it New Humberstone Speedway the following year.

The ceremony was that told a man whose family-owned business, Cosco Hauleys, became synonymous with dirt track racing actually got his start sponsoring a car at the then Dragway Park in Cayuga.

"Since late August of last year there has been a big infectious smile missing in the racing community. If his start in racing had not changed venues, we might not have known it at all," Dana Curvin, Merrittville's co-announcer, said as he began listing off Cosco's accomplishments.

Most of his more than 30 years in racing were spent behind the scenes as a sponsor, car owner and race track owner. But Cosco also spent about 10 years behind the wheel in the sportsman and modified classes.

Whatever he raced, his No. 17C was always adorned with a cartoon character. Curvin said when Cosco's daughter Tanya was growing up, she and her father would enjoy their favourite TV show together.

"Pete was Fred Flintstone to Tanya's Pebbles, and that's why Fred was always on his cars."

The number and Fred Flintstone continues to be featured on Cosco Racing's modified car driven by Chris Steele and the sportsman piloted by Jordan Cosco, Pete's grandson.

Humberstone general manager Bob Davidson, Pete's son-in-law, accepted the sign on behalf of the Cosco family. Choking back tears, he looked up at the sunny sky and said Pete would have approved.

"With weather like this, on a Saturday, this is what he would have wanted," Davidson said. "If he wasn't trucking, he was racing or doing something to the race cars." Linda Cosco said the need for attention never drove her late

husband.

"He wasn't a fussy person. He didn't like the limelight, but he would have been honoured by this," she said.

Begolo, 55, from Thorold joined his father Jo on the Wall of Fame. He ranked sweeping rookie of the year honours at tracks in Niagara and western New York in 1983 as the highlight of his career racing modifieds.

He had trouble reading a prepared speech in which he thanked pit crew members, sponsors and fans over the years.

"This is very emotional for me. I choked up when I saw that sign go up," Begolo said.

He retired as a driver in 2000, though not from racing. His son Brent competes in Merrittville's sportsman class.

"I raced 20 years straight and I was a little tired," Jim said of leaving the circuit.

The high cost of racing also factored in his decision.

"This sport is expensive!" Costs forced Elsie to permanently park his modified after big-block engines were outlawed following the 1989 season.

"The costs just got right out of hand," the 63-year-old from Port Robinson said.

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Matt hails from all the way down the QEW - from the Rose City of Welland, and is a member of the Young Professionals Networking Group, a graduate of the Leadership Niagara Program and is very involved in raising funds and awareness for the Lincoln County Humane Society. Please join us in welcoming Matt to Fort Erie!



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Mark Elsie, from left, Jim Begolo and Linda Cosco, wife of the late Pete Cosco, after commemorative signs were added to the I. St. Amant Enterprises Wall of Fame at Merrittville Speedway on Saturday July 11, 2015 in Thorold, Ont.

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Tough loss

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Golfers stage Pro Am

Michael Clarkson Special to The Times

Celebrating its 82nd anniversary, Rio Vista Golf Course staged a successful Pro Am on July 8 with pros and amateurs from across Ontario. Scratch golfers included pro and manager Rob Dunn and Alex Wilson of Rio Vista, Mark Strugar of Legends on the Niagara, who won the individual event, Rocco D'Amelio, Dennis Randall and Dave Falardeau of Bridgewater Country Club in Fort Erie, Cal Emmerson, Rockway Vineyards in St. Catharines, Chuck Gates of Willodell in Niagara Falls, and Billy Simkin of Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club. From left is Jim Bell of Gold Canyon Golf Resort in Arizona, Bruce Jefferson of Foxbridge Golf Club in Uxbridge, Dave Blanchard of Angus Glen Golf Club in Markham and Rob Dunn.

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I don't particularly support it'

Ray Spiteri
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There are more cons than pros with the way St. Catharines wants to change its governance model, says Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop.

"I always find it interesting (to hear the argument) that we get better democracy by having fewer elected representatives," said Redekop, who is also a regional councillor.

"I don't get that. It's a red herring. It's like chasing your tail. When does it end? It doesn't lead to better representation for the public."

Redekop will be one of the regional councillors asked by St. Catharines city council to apply to the province to allow the Garden City to have six councillors sit on both regional and city councils, while six would only sit on city council.

Currently, St. Catharines has 12 city councillors and six regional councillors, with the mayor being the only representative sitting on both bodies.

The new model would be

implemented in the next election, if approved by the province. The proposed governance change is specific to St. Catharines and would not be imposed on other Niagara municipalities. "I don't particularly support it," said Redekop. "You got 12 dual-duty councillors at the Region—the mayors. It's a lot of work. They become full-time jobs for sure and you would have to compensate the people for that."

"If St. Catharines is so concerned about it, why not reduce the number of city councillors?"

Supporters of St. Catharines' motion say it will make it easier for councillors to be well versed on both levels of government and improve the relationship between the Region and the city.

Critics say it would ultimately make local government less accountable with fewer people to be involved in local politics. "It's worthy of a discussion," said Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati, who is also a regional councillor.

"One of the advantages we as mayors have with also



Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati.

being regional councillors is that we can see the bigger picture, so I definitely see the upside, but I also see the downside," he said.

"It would need to be full time, which would mean we'd see a lot of talented people not participate in the (political) process because



Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop.

they can't do full time." Diodati said he looks forward to discussing and debating the issue at the Region. "Each model has its benefits

and drawbacks. It definitely holds some merit and it's worth having a discussion." ray.spiteri@sunmedia.ca Twitter: @RaySpiteri



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Norm Miller is a Senior Pastor at Harvest Bible Chapel, London, Ontario. He is a powerful communicator of God's grace and was a featured speaker at this year's Lord's Supper conference that drew in more than 1,000 men to Oshawa, Ont. "My life has been one of God's grace and mercy flowing abundantly," Norm said. "He placed me by placing me into a Christian family with great parents. He continued to bless me by giving me an amazing wife, starting at age 19 when I really didn't know what I was doing. On top of that we have, by His grace, enjoyed 35 years of marriage and have five wonderful children and nine 'perfect' grandchildren. And now, we have the privilege to do life and ministry together with the best church people on the planet!" Norm enjoyed an 18-year career in business as a computer programmer, analyst, software designer, project leader and computer consultant before heading off to Bible College and Seminary. According to Norm, "I love business, but I love giving my life to full-time ministry even more!"

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Benji and Jenna Cowart are from Nashville, TN and have been leading worship for more than 15 years. They have served at Churches in Florida, Las Vegas, Georgia and Buffalo (The Chapel at Crossover). They have four children including an adopted daughter from Sierra Leone. The Cowarts are songwriters with Word Publishing. Their songs have been recorded by Ben Cantelon, Meredith Andrews, Selah Aaron, Steve, the Jacobson Tabernacle, Worship Center, UBC, Westside Church Band, Chris August and Big Daddy Weave who recorded "Redeemed" and "The Only Name." Their songs reached #1 on Christian Radio Charts in 2014. "Redeemed" was certified Gold after this year.



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DATED at Fort Erie, this 23rd day of June, 2015.

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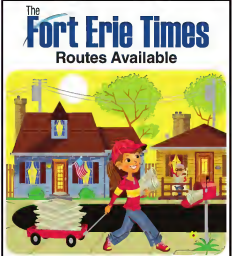
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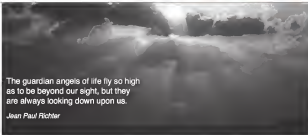
BEAM, Matthew Douglas - Suddenly and unexpectedly passed away on July 14th, 2015. Beloved son of Dorothy Beam, brother of Travis Beam, grandson of Rose & Jim McDermott and Lawrence Beam and predeceased by grandmother L. Chon Beam. Matthew will be sadly missed by his aunts, uncles and cousins. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday, July 17 at 11am with funeral service to follow at 12pm.

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HARDMAN, Vera Irene - Passed away peacefully with family by her side on Thursday July 9, 2015 at the Douglas Memorial Hospital at the age of 91. Beloved wife of the late Frank (1956). Dear mother of Karen Byng, Patricia Mannering of St. Thomas and Gayle Vanderwaal (Frank). Cherished grandmother of Kelli Penton of Toronto, Chris (Becky), Michael Byng (Tania) of Mesa, Arizona, Steven Mannering (Lionie) of St. Thomas, Stacey Mannering of Kitchener and Amanda Hardman (Rob) and great-grandmother of 9. Dear sister of Helen Bagg and Betty Rodgers. Survived by many nieces and nephews. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. entrusted with arrangements. A private family service was held in the funeral home chapel followed by interment at McAffee Cemetery. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to COPE or the Heart & Stroke Foundation.



**Benner Funeral
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**Williams Funeral
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KNAPP, Marion - Passed away peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Friday, July 10, 2015 at the age of 94. Beloved wife of the late Eldon Knapp Sr. Predeceased by her sons Eldon, Greg and Brian. Marion is survived by her daughter-in-law Barbara, granddaughters Lori (Mark) Lucy and Laraine Knapp, and her sister Joyce MacDonald. Also survived by great-grandsons Kyle (Krissey), Carson and Mitchell and great-great-grandchildren Madelyn and Dallas. At her request cremation has taken place and a graveside service will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 11:30 AM at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. For those who wish, a memorial donation to a charity of one's choice in her memory would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.



**Williams Funeral
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LAIRD, Brian Bernard - Peacefully at Hamilton General on Thursday, July 9th, in his 69th year. Survived by wife Linda, daughter Joelle, grandchildren Braden and Alexandra, brothers Kerry (Shen) Kenzone - Arizona and Randy Kenzone and Wayne Laird of Fort Erie. And sister Linda Miller, St. Catharines. As per Brian's request no funeral service will be held and cremation has been entrusted to Niagara Funeral Alternatives.

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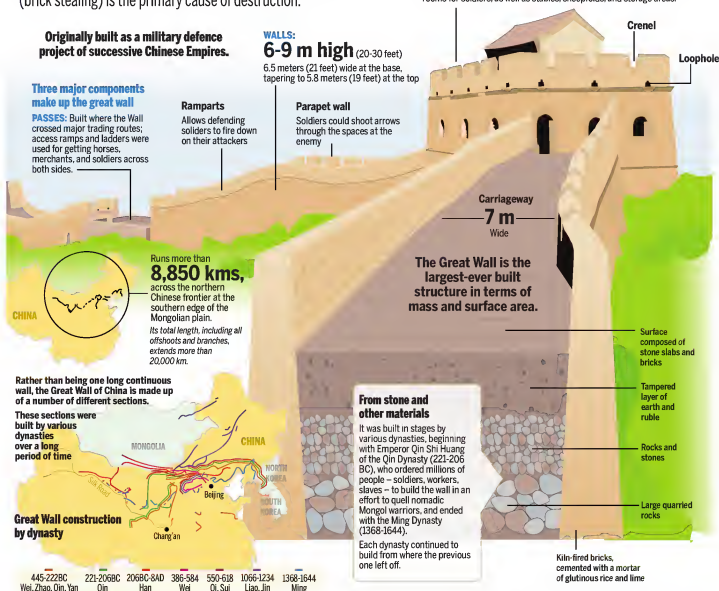
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33-40 PIECES 907 g/2 lb
Made with all-white chicken breast meat

SHOESTRING FRIES

1.5 kg/3.3 lb

FRUIT JUICE BARS

6 PORTIONS 534 mL/18 fl oz
Strawberry OR Raspberry

Serves 6

ALL 3 FOR ONLY...

17⁹⁹
save \$2⁹⁸



Raspberry Fruit Juice Bars

We hope you enjoy these selections - no substitutions please

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